

City of Las Vegas

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2008

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: DIR-27611 - APPLICANT: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - OWNER:
CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

**** CONDITIONS ****

The Planning Commission (5-0 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This request is to designate Woodlawn Cemetery as an Historic Landmark within the City of Las Vegas DIR-27600 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - Request to designate Woodlawn Cemetery as an historic property within the city of Las Vegas on 42.24 acres at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (13926101003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (BARLOW). The Historic Preservation Commission voted to approve the nomination for designation as an Historic Landmark on April 23, 2008 based on the property's ability to meet the requirements for historic designation as listed in Title 19.06.090 I. Designation of Landmarks, Historic Properties and Historic Districts. The designation of a Landmark, Historic Property or Historic District shall be indicated by the "H" symbol on the zoning maps of the City. The use and development of property affected by a designation shall be governed by [19.06.090 H HISTORIC DESIGNATION] and applicable Design Guidelines adopted thereunder, as well as by the regulations pertaining to the underlying zoning classification(s) for the property, other provisions of the Zoning Code, the City's subdivision regulations and the General Plan. Therefore, whenever it is proposed to alter, remodel, build, or otherwise develop or landscape property that is designated as a Landmark or Historic Property, or that is located within a designated Historic District, and a building permit or other development or zoning permit is required for such work, the applicant must first obtain the approval of the HPC.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
4/1/92	City Council adopted the General Plan with Historic Preservation Plan component.
2/22/92	City Council adopted an amendment to the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas which added an historic preservation ordinance, and established the Historic Preservation Commission. Today, the City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Ordinance is found in the Zoning Code, Title 19.06.090 H HISTORIC DESIGNATION.
11/21/06	Woodlawn Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
9/5/07	City Council adopted the Historic Properties Preservation Plan Element by ordinance as a component of the Master Plan 2020.
4/23/08	Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing for historic designation of the Woodlawn Cemetery to the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register. The Historic Preservation Commission approved designation as an Historic Landmark.
07/10/08	The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #35/cm).

APPLICATION REQUEST

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ANALYSIS

Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard, has been determined eligible for listing on the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register as an Historic Landmark by the Historic Preservation Commission.

The property meets the following requirements for Historic Landmark designation, as stated in the City of Las Vegas Title 19.06.090, Designation of Landmarks, Historic Properties and Historic Districts, section I: Subsections (1) and (3):

- (1).** An individual property, building, structure or archeological site may be designated as a Landmark if it demonstrates exceptional importance by qualifying under Subparagraphs (a) or (b) below:
 - a.** It meets the criteria for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places.
 - b.** It is determined to be of exceptional significance and expresses a distinctive character because:
 - (i)** A significant portion of it is at least fifty (50) years old;
 - (ii)** It is reflective of the City's cultural, social, political or economic past; and
 - (iii)** Either:
 - A.** It is associated with a person or event significant in local, state or national history; or
 - B.** It represents an established and familiar visual feature of an area of the City because of its location or singular physical appearance.

The City of Las Vegas supports the preservation of historic resources with the following documents:

1) The City of Las Vegas *Priorities*:

- Revitalize and invigorate our mature areas and the urban core
- Support and encourage sustainability, livability, and pride in our neighborhoods

2) The City of Las Vegas Master Plan 2020:

Reurbanization

OBJECTIVE 1.4: To retain, where viable, historical structures which represent the architectural, cultural and social legacy of the City of Las Vegas.

Neighborhood Revitalization Area

GOAL 2: Mature neighborhoods will be sustained and improved through appropriate and selective high quality redevelopment and preservation.

Cultural Enhancement

OBJECTIVE 5.2: To promote cultural awareness and pride within the city.

3) The City of Las Vegas Historic Properties Preservation Plan Element:

Goal: Promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation, maintenance and protection of structures, sites and districts of significant historic, architectural, and archaeological interest within Las Vegas.

Objective 1: Promote the preservation, maintenance and protection of structures, sites and districts of historic interest within Las Vegas.

Objective 3: Promote and encourage the rehabilitation and reuse of historic resources.

Objective 4: Promote and encourage the stability of designated historic neighborhoods, sites and landmarks by preserving their historical and architectural integrity.

Historic Significance of Woodlawn Cemetery:

From the *National Register of Historic Places Nomination Report for Woodlawn Cemetery*, 2006 (for the complete report, please see attached report in its entirety):

Woodlawn cemetery was completed in 1914, and is the foremost representation of the growth of Las Vegas. Las Vegas is of great significance at a national level as the individuals who formed this community at inception are representative of migration and travel patterns that are directly tied to the technology of the period. There are individuals of great significance represented within the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. A full representation of the diversity and complexity of the community does not exist in any other physical form.

The events leading up to the construction of Woodlawn made a considerable contribution to the broad patterns of the history and development of the physical community as well as contributing to the formation of a cohesive cultural identity.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED

NOTICES MAILED

APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0